WILLIAM L. AND CHARLOTTE SHARP VAN WAGONER



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Charlotte Sharp Van Wagoner was born January 18, 1882, Heber. Daughter of Jonathon Sharp and Anna Jowett Sharp. Married William L. Van Wagoner September 19, 1900, Midway. Died August 9, 1957, Heber.

The boyhood days of William were spent in Midway. He attended grammar school there. Later he attended the Brigham Young University at Provo, where he studied business. During the summers he worked with his brothers and father in brick making, lime

burning and building. He loved to go fishing in the Provo River and at Strawberry Lake. As the family grew, they had many happy times along the mountain streams.

In the spring of 1900 William met the girl who was to become his life companion, Charlotte Sharp. The evening of their marriage they were honored at a reception held in the old Van Wagoner hall. They went to the Salt Lake Temple May 1st, 1901, and received their Endowments.

In the fall of 1901 William received a call to go on a mission to the Eastern States. This was about a week before their first child was born. This was a difficult decision for the young couple to make, since they were without finances, and too, they would be separated over two years. After praying and talking it over with their families they decided that William should go. William left for the mission field in November 1901 and returned in November 1903, having served an honorable mission.

During his life William was very active in church and civic affairs. As a boy he was president of the Deacons. As a young man he served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and as President of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn. For nine years he served as a counselor in the Bishopric of the Midway 1st Ward, first as a counselor to Bishop Joseph Francom and later to Bishop Henry Coleman. For 16 years he served on the Wasatch Stake High Council under President Joseph Murdoch and later with David A. Broadbent. He was a Sunday School teacher, ward teacher and later was appointed President of the Stake Genealogical Committee. He was an inspiring speaker and much in demand at public gatherings.

He served for several years on the Wasatch School Board. William was elected to the State Legislature for three terms by the Republican Party, in 1913, 1915 and in 1933.

For many years William was a merchant, meat cutter, builder and real estate broker. He was appointed by the federal government to act as an appraiser of land involved in the Deer Creek Reservoir project.

Charlotte Sharp Van Wagoner was a devoted wife and mother. She was known as one of the finest homemakers in the valley, and one of the best cooks. Relatives, friends and business associates were always welcome in her home, and always enjoyed

her delicious dinners and sweet hospitality. She was known to all the children in the neighborhood as "Aunt Lottie."

She taught in the organizations of the Church, including the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Assn., and the Primary. For many years she was a teacher in Relief Society, visiting the homes of the sick and the needy. This was a calling she loved.

The family was always proud of their missionary record. William as well as four of his sons, filled full-term missions for the Church in many different parts of the country.

Children of William and Charlotte Van Wagoner:

Arthur William, married Winnie Jones;
Lester Hyrum, died in childhood;
Mrs. Clifford (Mable Ann) Workman;
Paul Halma, married Phyllis Murdock;
Ammon, married (1) Sarah Mae Kidder (2) Phyllis Cummings(3) Renae Savage;
Mrs. Thomas L. (Belva) Harper;
Ezra Earl, married Fay Rasband;
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